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9 FAM 42.21 NOTES

CHANGES

1. 9 FAM 42.21 Notes have been revised and updated. In subsection 9 FAM 42.21, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigrations Service (BCIS) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) have been added to numerous sections. In 9 FAM 42.21 N13.3, revisions have been made in reference to Form I-600A, *Application for Advance Processing of an Orphan Petition*.

2. Revisions since the last update appear in italics. Other than formal titles, the italics will be removed the next time the material is updated. Only current changes will appear in italics. Italics provide a historical record of changes.

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